

### **REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-8, 10, 12-17 are pending in the application, with claims 1, and 8 being the independent claims. Claim 1 is amended. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

Based on the above Amendment and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

In the Action on page 2, claims 1-7 are allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 12, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph. Claims 8, 10, 12-17 are allowed. Applicants thank the examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter, and for allowing the allowed claims.

#### ***Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph***

In the Action on page 2, claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 12, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph as being allegedly indefinite due to the term "substantially opaque."

Claims 1 is amended to recite "a physical shield, shielding the signal in a manner, with respect to the wavelength of the signal, to prevent emissions that are of a magnitude sufficient to permit their reception by sensors which are not physically proximate the emitter..." The amendment places this element of claim 1 in the same condition as the analogous portion of claim 8, which is allowed. Claim 1 is therefore allowable, and Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

#### ***Conclusion***

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply

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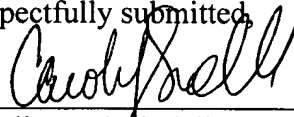
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has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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